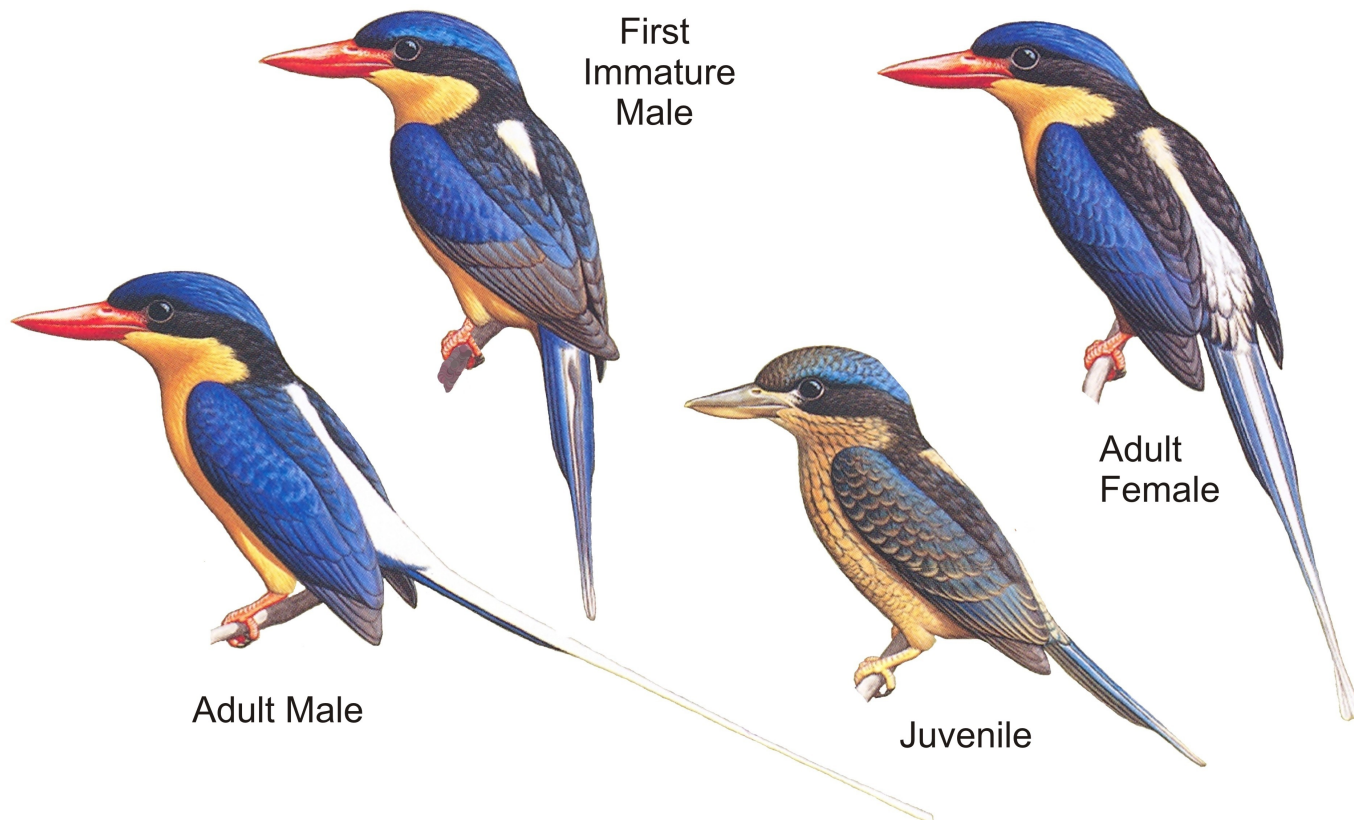


**Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher** *Tanysiptera sylvia* Species No.: 328 Band size: 05 (K)



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:	61.3 – 65.7 mm	61.5 – 66.4 mm
Wing:	93 – 104 mm	93 – 106 mm
Tail:	171 – 276 mm	130 – 189 mm
Weight:	38 – 61 g	44.5 – 60.8 g

**Ageing:**

Juvenile is basically mottled all over with a black-brown to yellow-brown bill;  
 Molt to first immature plumage with overall similar appearance to adults, except retained juvenile crown, upper wing, remiges & rectrices, is completed before the northern migration in March – May;  
 Molt into complete adult plumage appears to occur at approximately 15-16 months of age and coincides with adult post-breeding molt after migrating north to New Guinea in March – May;  
 Thus immatures (2-) and adults (2+).

**Sexing :**

Sexes differ in immature and adult plumage;  
 Centre of the females mantle has cream to buff suffusion, feathers of back, rump and upper tail coverts are creamish and have blue-black to dark blue fringes making the whole area appear streaked. The back, rump and tail coverts of males is white;  
 Scapulars of males are grey-black with broad dark-blue fringes giving a blue-black appearance. The female's scapulars have a narrower fringe and therefore appear darker than those of males;  
 Fully grown adult male tail (breeding season – November to February) is considerably longer than a fully grown female tail.